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SUBJ: BDG REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE RE SHIPPING COMPANY

1. ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED ASKED EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON (AUGUST 8) TO FACILITATE CONTACT WITH OWNERS OF AMERICAN VESSEL "VIRGINIA TRADER". ACCORDING TO AHMED, "VIRGINIA QUEEN" HAS JUST OFF-LOADED CARGO OF VEGETABLE OIL AT CHITTAGONG AND IS ABOUT TO DEPART. AHMED SAID BDG NEEDS TEMPORARY SERVICES OF VESSEL TO SERVE AS LIGHTER FOR OIL ABOARD TANKER LYING OFF CHITTAGONG, WHICH OIL IS DESPERATELY NEEDED AT EASTERN REFINERIES. OWNER'S AGENT REPORTEDLY TOLD MFA THAT EMBASSY COULD AUTHORIZE USE OF VESSEL THIS PURPOSE. WHEN TOLD THIS NOT WITHIN OUR POWER, AHMED ASKED US CONTACT OWNER.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH AGENT IN CHITTAGONG WHO SAYS HE CABLED OWNER ON JULY 30 RE PROBLEM BUT HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER. AGENT ADDS THAT VESSEL ON VERGE OF DEPARTING.
AS SOON AS THIS CONVER-
SATION CONCLUDED, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FAROOQ AHMED CHOWDHURY CALLED TO ASK WHETHER HE SHOULD INSTRUCT MASTER OF "VIRGINIA QUEEN" TO DELAY SAILING. INFORMED BY EMBOFF THAT WE COULD NEITHER AUTHORIZE OR RATIFY SUCH ACTION, CHOWDHURY INDICATED HE PREPARED TO ISSUE INSTRUCTION.

3. IN LIGHT URGENCY THIS MATTER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
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CALLING OWNER OF VESSEL, AMERICAN TRADING AND TRANSPORT COMPANY,

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OF 555 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK. TELEPHONE NUMBER SAID TO BE
212-682-7722. PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER JULY 30 CABLE RECEIVED
FROM AGENT AND WHAT ACTION AGENT AND MASTER HAVE BEEN OR
SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE.
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